

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
HELD IN WASHINGTON, D. C., MARCH 17 AND 18, 1933

The sixth meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts during the fiscal year 1933, was held in its office in the Interior Department Building on Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18, 1933. The following members were present:

Mr. Moore, Chairman,
Mr. Swartwout,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lawrie,
Mr. Howells,
Mr. Savage,
and Mr. H. P. Caemmerer, Executive

Secretary and Administrative Officer.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held, January 6, 1933, were approved. The Minutes of the meeting, held February 23, 1933, were approved with the addition of a supplementary letter to Colonel Grant, dated March 13, embodying criticisms by Mr. Clarke for the planting along the Memorial Avenue to Arlington, in amplification of the letter from the Commission of Fine Arts sent to Colonel Grant on February 27, 1933. (Exhibit A) (Colonel Grant has advised by letter of March 22, 1933, that the recommendations of the Commission will be carried out, that is, only white oaks will be planted.) (Exhibit A-1)

2. RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF MR. VITALE: Mr. Clarke having drafted a Resolution in appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Vitale to the profession of landscape architecture and as a former member of the Commission of Fine Arts, it was submitted by him and unanimously adopted by the Commission. A copy of the Resolution was sent to Mrs. Vitale. (Exhibit B)

3. GREAT COURT OF THE TRIANGLE: Mr. Bennett of the firm of Bennett, Parsons and Frost, architects, of Chicago, submitted cabinet sketches for

the great court of the Triangle group. Mr. Bennett offered an explanation of the plans. (Exhibit C)

Examination of the Public Buildings Program map indicated that the court is about 850 feet long and fully 500 feet wide. It is believed that the area is about as large as that of Lafayette Square.

The Commission considered the plans with Mr. Bennett and they were given particular attention by Mr. Clarke. The Commission felt that the set of plans showed an improvement over those previously submitted and as a general scheme it was regarded satisfactory.

Both Mr. Bennett and Mr. Simon said the plans were being submitted now to obtain the advice of the Commission of Fine Arts as to the ramp needed for the Department of Labor building on the south side of the Great Court. The Commission agreed to the construction of the ramp.

With reference to the Great Court plans, there was much detail, which is to be the subject of study in carrying out the plans. Mr. Clarke criticized the planting proposed and advised that the project should have the attention of a competent landscape architect or a firm of landscape architects. Specifically Mr. Clarke made the following objections:

It is undesirable to plant different species of trees on each side of the streets from those along the main paths on the axes of the pavilions; the whole area would present considerable greater dignity if all the trees therein were of the same kind.

Mr. Bennett said he would like to have the trees trimmed a little as they are in some of the gardens in France. Mr. Moore said that it might be difficult to do that as he would have to overcome the feeling in this country

against clipping trees. Mr. Clarke, also Mr. Swartwout said they would like to have the trees clipped if public sentiment against such practice could be overcome.

Mr. Clarke suggested that a ground cover be used instead of grass in the Plaza. Mr. Bennett said, however, that the Plaza would be used by the clerks employed in the Triangle buildings adjacent to the Plaza and he would, therefore, suggest grass. Mr. Simon was asked if the grass in the Great Court would receive attention and he replied that it would have practically none at all. Mr. Clarke then said that grass would be impracticable to use in the Great Court.

It was suggested that quite a number of benches be placed along the walks and that ground cover and gravel might be used for different parts of the area. Mr. Clarke thought that the paths might be made more adequate and that the entire problem, as regards planting particularly, requires further study.

Mr. Bennett indicated a column to "Communication" or a statue, at the east end of the Plaza. Mr. Swartwout was in favor of the column as a statue would be inappropriate as a monument to "Communication." The Commission decided that the question as to whether a column or a monument should be erected at this point could well be left for future consideration.

The question of exits from the Great Plaza and proper connection with the roadways leading to the Department of Commerce Building between 14th and 15th Streets is to be taken up with the National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Further study of the project on the ground is to be made at the next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts in April. Preliminary report was sent to the Secretary of the Treasury. (Exhibit C-1)

4. ARLINGTON MEMORIAL BRIDGE:

(a) Pumas for the Water Gate. In a letter, dated March 16, 1933, Mr. Kendall commented on the Columbia Island Plaza project and on the models for the reclining pumas, as follows:

My dear Moore:

I have not made plans to be at the meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts tomorrow, March 17th, as I did not understand that my presence was necessary. If however, the question of the Columbia Island architectural features comes up, I sincerely hope that the last scheme that I designed will be retained. I wrote Colonel Grant twice upon this subject stating that even if there was not money enough to build the architectural features now, the curbs shown in our plan, I had hoped, might be retained, so that if in future there was money enough to build, the design could be carried out as shown. Undoubtedly now the cost of that scheme would be considerably less than the cost of the two columns. To refresh your memory, I am sending you a copy of my letter to Colonel Grant of March 28, 1932, setting forth the symbolism of the composition. This I also submitted to the Commission of Fine Arts the same time as I did the design.

Of course, I agreed with all the members of the Commission that the reclining puma, although good in itself, was not large enough for the existing pedestal, and I think it would be impossible to make it large enough in a recumbent position. The idea occurred to me, that the standing figure of a puma which Proctor placed upon our pedestal at one of the entrances to Prospect Park, Brooklyn, might look well there, and I am sending herewith a photostat print of a photograph, and an elevation showing its relation to the adjoining steps and balustrade.

I am sailing, as I may have told you, on March 24th, on the SS "Vulcania", for Greece, where I shall meet Stevens, former Director of the American Academy in Rome, and we intend to explore the Greek Islands together.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Wm. Mitchell Kendall.

The print accompanying the letter was brought to the particular attention of Mr. Lawrie, who said he would not attempt to advise as to a reclining or standing puma without first considering the subject on the ground, but nevertheless thought a standing figure would be out of scale with Mr. Friedlander's sculptural groups for the Arlington Memorial Bridge. Mr. Lawrie suggested that at some future meeting of the Commission (after Mr. Kendall's return from Europe) a full-sized solar print of the models for the puma be set in place for inspection by the Commission.

It was noted from the drawing submitted by Mr. Kendall that the pumas are to be placed at the head of the water gate. Mr. Moore said he was of the opinion that the pumas were to be placed at the foot of the steps also. Mr. Moore called attention to a letter received from Colonel Grant, dated March 9, 1933 (Exhibit D), saying that it is not possible to purchase such ornaments from funds now available or likely to be made available in the near future.

(The views of the Commission were brought to the attention of Mr. Kendall, who replied by letter of March 21, 1933, that the pumas are supposed to be on the four pedestals--two at the level of the plaza and two at the level of the under-pass.)

(b) Columbia Island Development. In commenting on the Columbia Island development Mr. Clarke said it would accomplish a great deal if a model were prepared of Columbia Island so that details of the plan could be carefully studied in proper relation to each other. Mr. Moore said such a model was prepared for East Potomac Park and it proved to be very helpful.

Mr. Moore said further that Colonel Grant wished to know what could be done now to develop Columbia Island, there being about \$15,000 available. Mr. Kendall having suggested in his letter of March 16th that the curbs on Columbia Island Plaza be built, the Commission were agreeable to this, but decided to give this matter particular attention at the next meeting of the Commission. A preliminary report was sent to Colonel Grant. (Exhibit D-1)

5. INSPECTION OF THE HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING: The Allied Architects of Washington through their Secretary, Mr. H. W. Peaslee, having asked the Commission of Fine Arts to inspect the New House Office Building at this meeting, the Commission arranged to inspect the building at 11:00 o'clock in the morning of March 17. At the same time the building was inspected by the members of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Directors of the American Institute of Architects, together with representatives of the Allied Architects and also Mr. Lynn, Architect of the Capitol. Features of the building were explained to the Commission by Mr. Peaslee and Mr. Gilbert L. Rodier.

It is a white Georgia marble building, immediately west of the old House Office building. It has a length of somewhat over 600 feet. The building was especially designed to meet the needs of Congress by providing 250 suites of rooms. Each suite consists of a reception room, a private office for the member of Congress and a small file room. There are also several committee and caucus rooms in the building. The basement is provided with shower room and gymnasium. In general the Commission regarded it a well equipped building to meet the needs of the members of Congress.

Joint Meeting with the National Capital Park and Planning
Commission

6. OLD HOUSES IN GEORGETOWN: Mr. H. W. Peaslee submitted in behalf of the Allied Architects of Washington studies for the restoration of the old houses in Georgetown and for routing traffic and in general to improve the appearance of the town, which is older than Washington City and of considerable historical interest.

The members of both Commissions considered the matter with interest and endorsed the project. Mr. Moore called attention to the mistake made when the Francis Scott Key Bridge was built, in not providing an adequate approach, both at the Virginia end and the Georgetown end. The suggestion of Mr. Caemmerer was favored to include the treatment of old gardens in Georgetown as part of the scheme of restoration. It was thought that it would be of real interest to visitors and others to publish these data, and accordingly Mr. Peaslee, Mr. Eliot and Mr. Caemmerer were appointed a committee to prepare the data for publication.

7. DEVELOPMENT OF EAST CAPITOL STREET: Mr. F. P. Sullivan, President of the Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, submitted in behalf of the American Institute of Architects, studies made by them for the treatment of East Capitol Street. It has been suggested by members of the Allied Architects of Washington and also by Mr. Eliot of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission that State Buildings be erected along East Capitol Street. It has also been suggested that Lincoln Park in that locality be called Independence Square. Mr. Moore suggested making this area a literary center because of its proximity to the Library of Congress and

the Folger Library. The suggestion was also made that the Shipstead-Luce Act be amended to include East Capitol Street.

8. BRIDGES FOR AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT BUILDING: The Commission considered the question of constructing the proposed bridges over B Street South to connect the Administration Building with the extensible building of the Agriculture Department.

Mr. Louis A. Simon, Chief of the Architectural Division of the Supervising Architect's Office, was present and explained studies his office had made of the project. He called attention to the fact that years ago when the addition to the Agriculture Department Building was considered it was proposed to construct a quadrangle, disregarding B Street South, but now that B Street South is to become an important traffic street it is a different situation. Dr. W. W. Stockberger, representing the Agriculture Department, expressed the need of the bridges to facilitate interdepartmental business. He said that a count was made one day the latter part of February and it was found that during a period of three days 8,313 persons crossed between the buildings, averaging about 2,720 per day.

After very careful consideration of the matter, members of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts felt that subways should be built to connect the two buildings instead of the overhead bridges, which would be fully 80 feet long and would certainly be cumbersome and unsightly structures over what is to be a nicely developed avenue westward from the Capitol. The members of the Commission of Fine Arts visited the site on Saturday morning, March 18, and were convinced that the bridges should

not be built and again recommended subways instead. A report was sent to the Secretary of the Treasury accordingly. (Exhibit E)

9. LANDSCAPE PLAN FOR THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION BUILDING: Dr. H. A. B. Dunning and Dr. E. F. Kelly, Secretary of the American Pharmaceutical Association, were present and considered the question of development of the grounds for the building near the Lincoln Memorial, with the two Commissions. The Commission of Fine Arts had approved the scheme by Mr. John Russell Pope, architect, for the approach to the building, but the National Capital Park and Planning Commission were unwilling to do this until a detailed landscape plan for the grounds had been prepared. Dr. Kelly said that Mr. Pope only a few days ago had been furnished the necessary data as to grading and elevations so that now this matter can be taken up with a landscape architect and a plan submitted at an early date.

10. THEODORE ROOSEVELT ISLAND: Professor Hubbard of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission submitted a tentative study made by him for the development of Theodore Roosevelt Island. The sketch suggested a memorial building and the rest of the ground of the island is to be kept in a wild and natural state. The question of a proper connection with Virginia and the Arlington Memorial Bridge will have special attention. Professor Hubbard said it was planned to allow automobiles on the island only on rare occasions. The question of a bird sanctuary is also to receive attention in developing a plan for the island.

11. CIRCLE FOR THE GENERAL ARTEMAS WARD STATUE: Mr. Caemmerer reported that the Executive Committee of the American University had expressed their willingness to dedicate a part of their land for the proposed circle at Massachusetts and Nebraska Avenues, N. W., on which the General Artemas Ward

statue is to be erected with the proviso that not more than \$500 would be charged against them for assessed benefits. Major Gotwals, Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia, said that the matter has been gone into carefully by the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia and it was found that the cost of paving, curb and gutters would amount to \$700, but he thought the American university authorities would not object to this because of the real benefits accruing to them from the creation of the circle. Colonel Grant thereupon said in behalf of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission that if this land is dedicated by the American University they would negotiate for the rest of the land needed to create the circle.

The District of Columbia Surveyor having prepared a dedication plat and the Commission of Fine Arts having taken the initiative in securing the land from the American University, it was suggested that the Commission of Fine Arts take up the matter further with them. Accordingly the dedication plat was brought to the attention of the Secretary of the American University by Mr. Caemmerer in behalf of the Commission of Fine Arts and it is to come before the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the American University on or about April 15.

12. EXTENDING VERMONT AND CONNECTICUT AVENUES: Under date of January 14, 1933, Mr. Frederic A. Delano, Chairman of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, requested the advice of the Commission of Fine Arts as to a proposed extension of Vermont and Connecticut Avenues and making certain other rearrangements of streets in the vicinity of the White House with a view to facilitating travel, as Mr. Delano thought. (Exhibit F)

The Commission considered the matter very carefully. Mr. Moore submitted the following memorandum for the consideration of the Commission:

March 17, 1933.

MEMORANDUM:

In regard to the proposal of Mr. F. A. Delano, Chairman of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission respecting carrying Connecticut and Vermont Avenues through to Constitution Avenue, it seems to me that certain considerations should be called to the attention of the Commission of Fine Arts.

The fundamental idea of the L'Enfant Plan was to make the Capitol and the White House the two great foci of the City of Washington. This plan was mutilated when the Library of Congress was placed across Pennsylvania Avenue, but was maintained when the question of placing the Supreme Court across Maryland Avenue was rejected.

The L'Enfant Plan was further mutilated by the extension of the Treasury Department to the south (in Andrew Jackson's time), shutting out the view of Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House; and also when the State, War and Navy Building was planned to balance the Treasury Department--in area if not in appearance.

Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont and Connecticut Avenues were designed in the original plan of the city as centering on the White House. There is a sentimental value in the L'Enfant plan, which value it would seem important to preserve and dangerous to undertake to change.

The widening of 17th Street from K Street to Pennsylvania Avenue would seem desirable. It cannot be widened south of Pennsylvania Avenue.

Fifteenth Street from K Street south to Pennsylvania Avenue might be similarly treated. The width between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues is fixed.

When it comes, however, to making an important loop street around the White House from Pennsylvania Avenue to the Ellipse, and encouraging general traffic thereon, such action would seem to be highly objectionable. The whole area from Lafayette Square between 15th and 17th Streets to the river should be maintained primarily as the President's Park. All trucking between the White House and the Treasury Department and the White House and the State, War and Navy Building should be prohibited, and there should be no general

east and west crossing of the area by heavy traffic between Pennsylvania Avenue and Constitution Avenue.

The time has now come to take a firm stand to recover that area and make it an appurtenance to the White House grounds. This is all the more necessary when we consider the treatment of the Monument Grounds at some future time. This will enhance the park character of this area. To cut it up into pieces by traffic roads would destroy its prime object. It would seem a sacrilege to extend the streets of Washington through the President's Park.

The Commission unanimously concurred in the suggestion of Mr. Moore that the L'Enfant Plan should not be altered and that the White House should be protected from traffic invasions, and a report was sent to Mr. Delano accordingly. (Exhibit F-1; see also Exhibit F-2)

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13. SIGN, 1000 D STREET, S. W.: On March 11, 1933, an application was received from the Building Inspector of the District of Columbia for an advertising sign, measuring 5 x 15 feet at 1000 D Street, S. W., as coming within the Shipstead-Luce Act area. The Commission considered the application and decided that the advertising sign would be too large and would practically resemble a billboard. The Commission recommended that advertising signs of this character be limited to 25 square feet ($12\frac{1}{2} \times 2$ feet) and that in the design the letters be also carefully drawn. The Commission also recommended that the regulations pertaining to advertising signs be amended by the District Commissioners to limit the size of advertising signs to 25 square feet. A report was sent to the District Commissioners accordingly. (Exhibit G)

14. SCULPTURE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUILDING: Mr. C. P. Jennewein, sculptor, by letter of March 15, 1933, submitted prints of his models for the Department of Justice Building, which is being erected along Pennsylvania Avenue between 9th and 10th Streets, as follows:

March 15, 1933.

Re: Department of Justice Building
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Charles Moore, Chairman,
Commission of Fine Arts,
Interior Department Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith photographs of sketches of various items for the Department of Justice Building for the inspection of the Fine Arts Commission.

There are two pediments on Constitution Avenue (M2-1 & M2-2) and one pediment in Court A of the building (M3-30c). In all cases the dentals and guttas have been omitted, thus making more room for the sculpture as was felt to be necessary. The panel M2-8, a preliminary sketch, is located over the Constitution Avenue Entrance.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) C. P. Jennewein.

The prints were given particular attention by Mr. Lawrie and they had the consideration also of the other members of the Commission. The Commission thought the female figures holding the fasces and sword in two of the pediments would be improved if the lower parts of the figures were not so decorative but had a simpler treatment of the drapery especially. The Commission suggested that Mr. Lawrie take up this matter personally with Mr. Jennewein. (Mr. Lawrie conferred with Mr. Jennewein about his models and Mr. Jennewein has agreed to the criticisms as above stated. The full sized models are now being made and they will have much more dignity than the sketches. Mr. Jennewein has also advised that the Latin words on each side of the figures may be changed. Dr. Alexander who supplied the sculpture program and inscriptions for several of the latest buildings by Mr. Goodhue is writing the program

for the decorations and the inscriptions of the Department of Justice Building. Mr. Jennewein will submit photographs of the full-sized models in a few weeks.)

15. INSPECTION OF STATUARY HALL: Because of the excessive weight of the statues in Statuary Hall, which is endangering the floor, Congress on February 24, 1933, adopted the following Concurrent Resolution (No. 47):

"Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Architect of the Capitol, upon the approval of the Joint Committee on the Library, with the advice of the Commission of Fine Arts, is hereby authorized and directed to relocate within the Capitol any of the statues already received and placed in Statuary Hall, and to provide for the reception and location of the statues received hereafter from the States."

H. Con. Res. 47.

In accordance with an appointment made with Mr. David Lynn, Architect of the Capitol, the Commission called at the office of Mr. Lynn, at 10:00 o'clock on Saturday morning, March 18. Hon. Robert Luce, a member of the Library Committee of the House of Representatives, was also present.

The Commission inspected the statues in Statuary Hall and were informed by Mr. Charles E. Fairman, Art Curator of the Capitol, that there are now 65 statues in Statuary Hall, 41 of marble and 24 in bronze. Thus far 30 states are represented in Statuary Hall, two statues having just been received from the State of Delaware and one from the State of Maine. By an Act of Congress, approved July 2, 1864, designating the old House of Representatives as Statuary Hall, two statues of deceased persons are allowed from each state to be placed in Statuary Hall.

The Commission went to the "Hall of Columns" on the ground floor of the House of Representatives wing, where they were met by Speaker Rainey. The Speaker said that he regarded the long corridor an ideal place in which quite

a number of statues could be given an ideal setting in niches and between the columns. They could be marked so that visitors from the several states could readily find the statues from their state. It was found that at least 24 statues could be placed in the Hall of Columns. Going northward on the ground floor the Commission made an inspection of the crypt immediately under the dome. Congressman Luce said that he thought that this would be a good location for several of the statues if it were properly lighted. Mr. Lawrie said that before the crypt is used for statues a color scheme should be given to it. It was thought the crypt could provide for 15 statues. Thereupon the Commission suggested placing four of the statues in the lobby of the basement floor of the Senate wing near the Senate Restaurant. In addition the Commission decided that four statues could be placed in the connecting corridor between Statuary Hall and the House of Representatives on the main floor. Thus locations for 32 statues were definitely designated by the Commission of Fine Arts and in addition a tentative location for 15 other statues in the crypt. Mr. Lynn said this would meet the situation very well as it would enable him to take out at least 30 statues from Statuary Hall. These locations were indicated on floor plans of the Capitol, submitted by Mr. Lynn. A report was sent to Mr. Lynn. (Exhibit H)

The question of making a suggestion to the Joint Committee on the Library with a view to securing more uniform statues is to have the further consideration of the Commission.

16. COAST GUARD MEMORIAL: In accordance with a request received from Mr. F. A. Hunnewell, Constructor of the Coast Guard Service, for an inspection of the Coast Guard Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery, Mr. Gilmore D.

Clarke, accompanied by Constructor Hunnewell, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Caemmerer, visited the Coast Guard Memorial on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Hunnewell said that his committee is very anxious to report on the planting of the memorial. Mr. Clarke made a careful inspection of the grounds and in general was satisfied with the scheme of the planting but recognized the need of certain additional planting. Mr. Clarke concurred in a suggestion already made to take out the laurel between the row of red cedars and the memorial and to plant low growing juniper in its place; also a few of the cedar trees should be replaced by new trees. When funds permit Mr. Clarke suggested planting an additional row of cedars between the present row and the memorial to make the background screen thicker. These trees could be shorter than the existing ones. Mr. Clarke thought that the memorial itself looked rather bare and suggested that a two-foot strip of English ivy be planted around the edge of the memorial, allowing the vines to grow over the base of the memorial itself.

Mr. Clarke thought that the laurel in back of the cedar trees had grown remarkably well, considering the adverse seasons of drought in the past two summers. Mr. Hunnewell was very much pleased with these criticisms and recommendations and said the Committee on the Coast Guard Memorial would carry them out. (Exhibit I)

On the suggestion of the Secretary the Commission decided to hold the next meeting in Washington on Friday, April 21.

The Commission adjourned at 4:00 p. m., on Saturday afternoon. On Friday noon the Commission were the guests of the Allied Architects at luncheon immediately after inspection of the New House Office Building.

C O P Y

March 13, 1933.

Dear Colonel Grant:

Planting of trees along the Avenue from Memorial Bridge to
Arlington Cemetery:

In order that the advice of the Commission of Fine Arts may be made entirely definite, this letter is to be substituted for the letter of the Commission, dated February 27, 1933, in so far as that letter relates to the planting of the Memorial Avenue.

First: Only white oaks should be planted on each side of the Memorial Avenue. The plans as submitted show fifteen varieties of trees.

Second: One formal row of white oaks should be planted along each side of the avenue, nearest the avenue.

Third: Backing up each formal row, white oaks should be planted informally, so as to give a body of trees and at the same time make an easy transition (avoiding formal lines) into the adjacent areas, which, one day, will become a portion of the cemetery.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed) Charles Moore,
Chairman.

Lieut. Col. U. S. Grant 3d,
Executive and Disbursing Officer,
Arlington Memorial Bridge Commission,
Washington, D. C.

EXHIBIT A

C O P Y

ARLINGTON MEMORIAL BRIDGE COMMISSION
Navy Building
Washington

March 22, 1933.

Mr. Charles Moore, Chairman,
The Commission of Fine Arts,
Interior Department Building,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Memorial Avenue to Cemetery,
planting of white oaks.

Dear Mr. Moore:

With reference to your letter of March 13th, outlining the suggestions of the Commission of Fine Arts with regard to the planting of the white oaks along the Memorial Avenue to the Cemetery, I am pleased to advise that our drawing for this planting has been revised to include all of the suggestions of your Commission, not only with regard to the white oaks, but also as to the holly hedge paralleling the Avenue.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) U. S. Grant, 3d,

Executive and Disbursing Officer.

EXHIBIT A-1

C O P Y

March 20, 1933.

My dear Mrs. Vitale:

At the meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts on March 17, 1933, the Commission unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"The Commission of Fine Arts desires to manifest its sense of the irreparable loss sustained by the professions of the Fine Arts, more particularly the art of Landscape Architecture, through the death on February 26, 1933 of Ferruccio Vitale, a distinguished former member of the Commission. Mr. Vitale was appointed Landscape Architect member of the Commission of Fine Arts by President Coolidge on September 28, 1927, and served until April 20, 1932. During his term of office, Mr. Vitale rendered valuable service to the Commission and in matters pertaining to his own profession he was ever ready to give the benefit of his wide experience and broad knowledge; he championed all worthy causes pertaining to the arts.

"Be it therefore resolved, that the Commission of Fine Arts hereby records its recognition of the high significance of the professional life and work of Ferruccio Vitale and of his important part in the development of the Fine Arts in general and of Landscape Architecture in particular. The Commission rejoices that his rare talents were made available in the notable service rendered to the government of the United States through the Commission over a period of more than four years.

The Commission of Fine Arts is deeply sensible of the loss sustained by the professions of the Fine Arts and direct that this expression of sorrow be transmitted to the family of Mr. Vitale.

Very sincerely yours,
(Signed) Charles Moore.
Chairman.

Mrs. Ferruccio Vitale,
150 East 73rd Street,
New York, N. Y.

EXHIBIT B

BENNETT PARSONS AND FROST
ARCHITECTS
80 EAST JACKSON BLVD.
CHICAGO

CABLE ADDRESS
"PLANVILLES CHICAGO"
TELEPHONE
WABASH 6444

GREAT PLAZA IN THE TRIANGLE
Washington D.C.
MEMORANDUM TO ACCOMPANY CABINET SKETCHES SUBMITTED TO
THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT

March 17, 1933

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These sketches contemplate the ultimate development of the Great Plaza including drives, walks, a reflecting pool, balustrades, steps and other architectural treatment, a monument at the east end, a setting for the proposed Straus Memorial at the west end, ramps to the basements of flanking buildings, and planting.

While the building materials and plant materials are not finally determined, the following are suggested:

- 1) Drives, asphalt on concrete base, granite curbs, concrete walks with exposed aggregates of gravel or granite, relieved by paving brick or stone flagging in places.
- 2) Architectural treatment including granite steps, balustrades and borders, seats, concrete pool with stone lining and rim.
- 3) Lighting of drives and planted areas.
- 4) Ramp to the basement of the Department of Labor Building (Provision is made in the plan for a future ramp on the north side of the Plaza)
- 5) Planting including top soil, drainage, sprinkler system, sodding for grass in unshaded areas, and:

Double row of large trees, Moline Elms (grafted stock) or Horsechestnut, (for consideration also, the Ginkgo Tree)

Groups of four trees at the pavilions, lateral driveways - *Tilia Spectabilis Cordata* (European Linden - small leaf)

Trees in Semi-circular court, east end, *Tilia Spectabilis Cordata* - (European Linden), but clipped.

EXHIBIT C

On the garden side, *Taxus Cuspidata* (Dwarf Yew) flanked by *Rhododendron* or *Pyracantha coccinea Lalandi* (Firethorn.)

Around the area ways of buildings, *Buxus Suffruticosa*.

Ground Cover - In shaded areas, *Euonymus radicans carrierei*, Ground Myrtle (*Vinca*), or English Ivy.

Shrub Planting bordering terrace walls - *Juniperus Pfitzeriana aurea*.

- 6) The monument at the east end suggested as to mass and location.
- 7) The Straus Memorial at the west end shown as to location is taken from the design of John Russell Pope.

BENNETT PARSONS & FROST

C O P Y

March 20, 1933.

Sir:

The Commission of Fine Arts, at their meeting on March 17, 1933, considered plans submitted by Mr. E. H. Bennett, in behalf of Bennett, Parsons and Frost, architects, of Chicago, for the landscape development of the Great Plaza in the Triangle.

The Commission regard the general sketch as submitted reasonably satisfactory. Before giving further advice, the Commission desire to have submitted to them a detailed plan showing the driveways and their connections with the adjacent streets. Since the planting is an important part of the development, the Commission respectfully advise that the architects collaborate with a recognized competent landscape architect, who should study this important problem in relation both to the design and particularly with regard to the planting.

The question of erecting a column or a statue at the east end of the Great Plaza may well be left for future consideration.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Very respectfully, yours,

(Signed) Charles Moore,

Chairman.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

EXHIBIT C-1

ARLINGTON MEMORIAL BRIDGE COMMISSION

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE AND DISBURSING OFFICER
NAVY BUILDING
WASHINGTON

March 9, 1933.

Mr. Charles Moore, Chairman,
The Commission of Fine Arts,
Interior Department Building,
Washington, D. C.

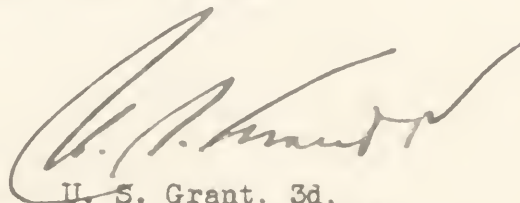
Subject: Bridge Plaza and Water Gate,
ornamentation on Main Steps.

Dear Mr. Moore:

With reference to your letter of March 3rd, suggesting the placing of carved ornaments on the main steps at the Bridge Plaza, please be advised that it is not possible to purchase such ornaments from funds now available, or likely to be made available in the near future.

Furthermore, in approving the budget for the coming fiscal year, 1934, officials at the Budget Bureau stated that the inclusion of "elaborate fences, beautification, etc." would not be permissible under present conditions. In keeping with the policy of the Budget Bureau, I think it is incumbent upon me to limit the expenditure of the funds, if any, which will be made available for the fiscal year 1934 to only those items which are physically necessary to bring the project to a presentable, stable and usable condition.

Very truly yours,



U. S. Grant, 3d,
Executive and Disbursing Officer.

C O P Y

March 20, 1933.

Sir:

The Commission of Fine Arts, at their meeting on March 17 and 18, 1933, again gave consideration to the question of erecting bridges over B Street South to connect the Administration Building of the Agricultural Department with the Extensible Building. Also the subject was discussed at a joint meeting with the National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The members of the Commission of Fine Arts visited the site.

When the Administration Building was planned, B Street South was regarded as a minor street, ending on the west at Fourteenth Street, as shown in the Plan of 1901. The development of the capital has called for making B Street South a major thoroughfare, with a roadway equal to that of Constitution Avenue (formerly B Street North). It therefore becomes necessary from the standpoint of good planning to give up the idea of bridging the avenue, and the Commission so advise.

The Commission has come to this conclusion reluctantly, and after full consideration of the alternative plans prepared in the Office of the Supervising Architect, in which plans possible solutions of the problem of a bridge were presented in the best possible manner.

The Commission of Fine Arts advise that underground passageways connect these two buildings, and that plans be submitted for an architectural treatment of the blank ends of the Administration Building.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Very respectfully, yours,

(Signed) Charles Moore,

Chairman.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

EXHIBIT E

MR. FREDERIC A. DELANO
OF WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAIRMAN
LT. COL. U. S. GRANT, 3D
DIRECTOR, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC PARKS
VICE CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER
HON. ARTHUR CAPPER
CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA, UNITED STATES SENATE
HON. MARY T. NORTON
CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
MAJOR GENERAL LYTLE BROWN
CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY



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ENGINEER COMMISSIONER, D. C.
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DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
MR. ROBERT Y. STUART
CHIEF, FOREST SERVICE
MR. FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED
OF BROOKLINE, MASS.
MR. JESSE C. NICHOLS
OF KANSAS CITY, MO.
MR. WILLIAM A. DELANO
OF NEW YORK, N. Y.

NAVY BUILDING,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 14, 1933.

Dr. Charles Moore, Chairman,
Commission of Fine Arts,
Interior Department Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Moore:

I have recently prepared a memorandum on the subject of re-adjusting the letter of the names of Seventeenth Street, Connecticut Avenue, Fifteenth Street and Vermont Avenue. The subject has been discussed in the Park and Planning Commission, and I have recently taken it up with the Board of Commissioners of the District.

Such a change would require an act of Congress, but I think a very brief act or resolution could readily be passed without much delay if the matter were endorsed by your Commission, our Commission and the Commissioners of the District. The Commissioners of the District see no serious objection to the suggestion, and agree that the advantages are manifest. I would be very glad if you would be good enough to consider it.

Yours very sincerely,

Frederic A. Delano

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NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

In re CONNECTICUT and VERMONT AVENUES.

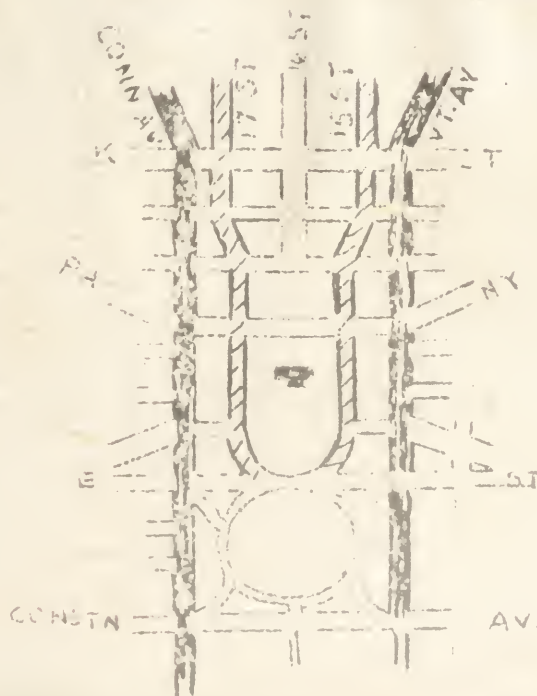
By reason of the location of McPherson Square and Farragut Square, Seventeenth Street and Connecticut Avenue are both interrupted. Connecticut Avenue begins again at I Street, whereas the south end of Seventeenth Street begins at K Street where Connecticut Avenue leaves off. The same thing happens as to Fifteenth Street and Vermont Avenue where interrupted by Farragut Square

This is all very familiar to residents of Washington, but is confusing to visitors and entirely unnecessary. It could be readily remedied by switching names around.

I propose that Seventeenth Street, beginning at Connecticut Avenue and K Street, bear the name of Connecticut Avenue all the way to the Tidal Basin; that what is successively East Seventeenth Street, a short piece of Connecticut Avenue, then Jackson Place and West Executive Avenue, shall bear the name of Seventeenth Street from K Street to where it terminates at E Street, projected. Secondly, that East Fifteenth Street, at the intersection with Vermont Avenue and K Street, shall bear the name of Vermont Avenue down past the Washington Monument to the Tidal Basin; whereas, what is successively a short piece of Vermont Avenue, then Madison Place and East Executive Avenue, shall bear the name of Fifteenth Street down as far as E Street, projected, where it would terminate.

The above changes could be made at little or no expense and would relieve confusion. They would add to the luster of two well known avenues, Connecticut and Vermont, and as these avenues would then flank the east-west sides of a large block of Government property, including the "White Lot" and Elipse, they would lend dignity and be highly appropriate.

FREDERIC A. DELANO.



C O P Y

March 21, 1933.

Dear Mr. Delano:

The Commission of Fine Arts at their meeting on March 17, and 18, 1933, gave careful consideration to your proposal to change the names of streets in the vicinity of the White House, including the extension of Connecticut and Vermont Avenues through to Constitution Avenue.

The fundamental idea of the L'Enfant Plan was to make the Capitol and the White House the two great foci of the City of Washington. This plan was mutilated when the Library of Congress was placed across Pennsylvania Avenue, but was maintained when the question of placing the Supreme Court across Maryland Avenue was rejected.

The L'Enfant Plan was further mutilated by the extension of the Treasury Department to the south (in Andrew Jackson's time), shutting out the view of Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House; and also when the State, War and Navy Building was planned to balance the Treasury Department--in area if not in appearance.

Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont and Connecticut Avenues were designed in the original plan of the city as centering on the White House. There is a sentimental value in the L'Enfant Plan, which value it would seem important to preserve and dangerous to undertake to change.

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The widening of 17th Street from K Street to Pennsylvania Avenue would seem desirable. It cannot be widened south of Pennsylvania Avenue.

Fifteenth Street from K Street south to Pennsylvania Avenue might be similarly treated. The width between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues is fixed.

When it comes, however, to making an important loop street around the White House from Pennsylvania Avenue to the Ellipse, and encouraging general traffic thereon, such action would seem to be highly objectionable. The whole area from Lafayette Square between 15th and 17th Streets to the river should be maintained primarily as the President's Park. All trucking between the White House and the Treasury Department and the White House and the State, War and Navy Building should be prohibited, and there should be no general east and west crossings of the area by heavy traffic between Pennsylvania Avenue and Constitution Avenue.

The time has now come to take a firm stand to recover that area and make it an appurtenance to the White House grounds. This is all the more necessary when we consider the treatment of the Monument Grounds at some future time. This will enhance the park character of this area. To cut it up into pieces by traffic roads would destroy its prime object. It would seem a sacrilege to extend the streets of Washington through the President's Park.

The Commission simply offer these suggestions to you for your consideration.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Charles Moore,

Chairman.

Mr. F. A. Delano, Chairman,
National Capital Park and
Planning Commission,
Washington, D. C.

C O P Y

NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

Navy Building
Washington, D. C.

March 21, 1933.

Dr. Charles Moore, Chairman,
The Commission of Fine Arts,
Interior Department Building,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Moore:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 21st in regard to the suggestions which came up at our joint meeting on March 17th on the subject of Connecticut and Vermont Avenues. Your suggestions will be studied further and laid before our Commission in the near future.

Thanking you for your trouble, I am

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Frederic A. Delano.

EXHIBIT F-2

C O P Y

March 20, 1933.

Sirs:

The Commission of Fine Arts at their meeting on March 17, 1933, considered the application (No. 196) for a sign at 1000 D Street, S. W.

The Commission disapprove the application. The sign, which is to measure 5 x 15 feet is considered much too large and would practically resemble a billboard. The Commission recommend that advertising signs of this character be limited to 25 square feet ($12\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 feet). The Commission also suggest that the regulations pertaining to signs be amended accordingly.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed) Charles Moore,

Chairman.

Board of Commissioners
of the District of Columbia,
Washington, D. C.

EXHIBIT G

C O P Y

March 30, 1933.

Dear Mr. Lynn:

In accordance with House Concurrent Resolution (No. 47), the Commission of Fine Arts after an inspection on March 18, 1933, respectfully advise that there are locations for twenty-four statues in the Hall of Columns on the basement floor of the House wing of the Capitol. Four statues might be located in the Senate Lobby near the Senate restaurant on the basement floor. If thought desirable, four statues could be placed in the corridor between the present Statuary Hall and the House of Representatives chamber. The use of the Crypt as an annex to Statuary Hall would require a new scheme of lighting and an extensive remodeling of that room. There are also locations available in the Rotunda of the Capitol. Here, again, decisive changes would be required in the arrangement of the statues and busts already there. In addition, there are a few other locations along the corridors of the Capitol where a statue could be placed.

Prints are enclosed, indicating in red, locations for the immediate placing of statues, and in green, locations for future use.

In any rearrangement in the location of the statues, good order would be subserved by separating the bronze statues from the marble statues, and by selecting for removal statues that would be harmonious in scale, in so far as possible.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Very respectfully, yours,

(Signed) Charles Moore,

Chairman.

Hon. David Lynn,
Architect of the Capitol,
Washington, D. C.

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C O P Y

April 3, 1933.

Dear Mr. Hunnewell:

An inspection having been made of the Coast Guard Memorial, in Arlington National Cemetery, at the meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts on March 18, 1933, by Mr. Gilmore D. Clarke, Landscape Architect member of the Commission, in company with you, the following recommendations are made for the consideration of your Committee in improving the landscape of the Memorial:

Take out the laurel between the row of red cedars and the Memorial and plant low growing juniper in its place.

A few of the cedar trees should be replaced by new trees.

When funds permit, an additional row of cedars should be planted between the present row and the Memorial so as to make the background screen thicker; these trees could be shorter than the existing ones.

The Memorial itself looks rather bare, and to overcome this, Mr. Clarke suggests that a two-foot strip of English ivy around the edge of the Memorial be planted, allowing the vines to grow over the base of the Memorial itself, so as to relieve the white band.

In the opinion of Mr. Clarke the laurel in back of the cedar trees has grown remarkably well, considering the adverse seasons of drought in the past two summers.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Very respectfully, yours,
(Signed) Charles Moore,
Chairman.

Mr. F. A. Hunnewell,
Constructor,
United States Coast Guard,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
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(Succeeding ten previous meetings of the National Capital Park Commission).

PRESENT.

MEMBERS:

MR. FREDERIC A. DELANO, Chairman.
MAJ. GEN. LYTLE BROWN, Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army.
LT. R. E. YORK, representing the Engineer Commissioner,
D. C.
MR. A. B. CAMMLER, representing the Director,
National Park Service.
MAJ. R. Y. STUART, Chief, Forest Service.
MR. HENRY V. HUBBARD.
LT. COL. U. S. GRANT, 3rd, Executive and Disbursing
Officer and Vice Chairman. (Director of Public
Buildings and Public Parks of the National
Capital).

ASSISTANT TO EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MAJ. D. H. GILLETTE.
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING: MR. CHARLES W. ELIOT 2d.
CITY PLANNER: MR. JOHN NOLEN, JR.
LAND PURCHASING OFFICER: MR. H. TUDOR MORSELL.
SECRETARY: MR. T. S. SETTLE.
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: MR. T. C. JEFFERS.

1. Minutes:

MR. HUBBARD presented correction of February minutes, Par. 1, Page
3;

MOTION unanimously carried approving minutes of the February meeting,
with the correction on page 3, substituting the following for the third para-
graph on that page:

MR. HUBBARD stated - "We have given consideration to this question
on a somewhat smaller scale in Massachusetts. The Governor appointed a
Commission to suggest to the Legislature revisions in the zoning and planning
laws, and the Governor, in commenting on our report, said something we had not
thought ourselves authorized to recommend. The Governor pointed out that
without a budget arrangement, physical planning is of much less use. The
reverse of that statement might be said in our case here. A budget is of
little use without a physical plan. You cannot be sure that any one item of
municipal construction is intelligently planned or entitled to its allotted
priority, unless you know how it fits into the whole scheme of municipal and
private construction for all purposes. And you cannot intelligently consider
such a general scheme without representing it on a plan. You must know, both
of existing conditions and of proposed improvements, not only what they are and
what they cost, but where they are and how they fit or overlap with each other.
The budget shows the first, the Plan shows the second.

The Chairman stated that any member is at liberty to call to the
attention of the Secretary any corrections that may be necessary.

Pars. 2 to 13, inclusive, Land Purchases. (See Land Purchase Section).

14. Transfers of land:

MR. JEFFERS presented a report on this subject, attached as APPENDIX A.

MR. JEFFERS reported that the plat for the transfer of land in the Fort Mahan area has been redrawn by the Surveyor's office and is now ready for signature. The Bolling Field transfer has been held up temporarily pending settlement of a condemnation suit. That probably will be consummated within a short time.

The following new transfers were recommended:

(a) At the Bancroft School - Newton Street in the Piney Branch Valley west of 16th Street:

This transfer has been approved by the Coordinating Committee and the Parks Committee of COL. GRANT'S office. It involves an exchange between the Parks Office and District school authorities.

MOTION unanimously carried recommending approval of exchange of lands between the Office of Public Buildings and Public Parks and the Commissioners of the District of Columbia in the Piney Branch Valley east of 18th Street, as shown on plan bearing file No. 3.6-65.

(b) Nichols Avenue - part of U. S. Government farm used by St. Elizabeth's Hospital:

This transfer involves negotiations with authorities of St. Elizabeth's Hospital as to the amount of land obtainable for playground purposes as requested by the Supervisor of D. C. Playgrounds.

MOTION unanimously carried approving negotiations for transfer of land involving part of the farm used by the St. Elizabeth's Hospital to the District for playground and street purposes, as shown on plan bearing file No. 41-54.

15. Park Improvement Plans: Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway:

MR. JEFFERS presented for consideration improvement plans for the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway as approved by the Park Committee of Public Buildings and Public Parks.

The Commission discussed in detail connection of the parkway drive with P Street and extension of 27th Street to M Street. COL. GRANT stated that he has no objection to showing 27th Street extension as a possibility, but he is opposed to expending money to do it. MAJ. GILLETTE stated that this is not an ideal solution, but is something to be considered. This solution involves least damage to the land and preserves the valley.

Further discussion by COL. GRANT, MR. F. A. DELANO, MR. ELIOT, MAJ. GILLETTE and MR. JEFFERS.

MR. ELIOT stated that in the study for the restoration of Georgetown an attempt has been made to work out an arrangement to route traffic around that area. He suggested further study of a connection into the parkway using 26th Street.

MOTION unanimously carried that the Commission approves the alignment of the main road and indicates its non-concurrence in the construction of the 27th Street connection at the present time and recommends the omission of the P Street connection. The staff is requested to study 26th Street more fully to see if the Commission can recommend the 26th Street connection instead of the P Street entrance.

16. Closing Streets in Park Areas:

MR. NOIEN stated that some 16 closures are before the District authorities for consideration by their departments. The plats have been completed and are being circulated through their Departments. It is the intention to send the plats to the Commission for approval after the various recommendations have been made. It would be desirable to have those recommendations come to the Commission with the plats.

MOTION unanimously carried that an effort be made to have the recommendations of the various District departments accompany the plats when they are submitted to the Commission for action.

17. Whitehaven Parkway: Heidekoper Place. (See Land Purchase Section).

18. Changes in Highway Plan:

Two changes in highway plan were presented for approval. Hearings were held in the District Building yesterday, March 15th. There was no opposition to two of the changes. The staff and the District Building authorities are in favor of these changes.

(a) Change at intersection of Nebraska Avenue, Rock Creek Ford Road and Utah Avenue:

This change eliminates part of Utah Avenue where it crosses Parcel 61/3. This Avenue has been diverted.

MOTION unanimously carried approving change in highway plan in the vicinity of Nebraska Avenue, Rock Creek Ford Road and Utah Avenue (involving elimination of part of Utah Avenue).

(b) Change at Foxhall Road adjoining property of Mrs. Harriman:

Change is made for three reasons - (first) Fits topography better; (second) avoids cutting trees on the west side of the road, and (third) avoids interference with a well and gateway erected on the property. Staff and District authorities are anxious to have this approved because of pending condemnation of Foxhall Road.

MOTION unanimously carried approving change in highway plan at Foxhall Road adjoining property of MRS. HARRIMAN.

(c) Change in lines of North Capitol Street and Blair Road:

MR. ELIOT stated at the public hearing a representative of the Board of Trade offered objections to this change. The objection was mostly against the purchase of land for the Fort Drive and the closure of South Dakota Avenue. Another objection was made on account of the water main in this area.

Discussion by MR. CAMMERER, LT. YORK, COL. GRANT, MR. DELANO and MR. ELIOT.

No action.

The Chairman stated that, because the District Commissioners have not signed the plats presented for consideration, the action of the Commission on the changes already approved is subject to their approval.

(d) 39th Street at Chevy Chase Circle and Tilden-Upton Street change:

LT. YORK stated that he does not know what the District Commissioners are ready to recommend concerning these changes.

MR. DELANO stated to MR. ELIOT that when any worthy suggestions are offered at the public hearings on highway changes, they should be given consideration and study.

No action on the changes under par. d.

19. D. C. Highway Map:

MR. NOLEN reported that the District Authorities are having the Highways Map reprinted. They have submitted the proofs to the staff of the Commission to verify as to changes in highways, park acquisitions, etc. The shore lines of the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers have been corrected.

No action.

20. Advance Planning of Public Works:

MR. ELIOT stated that this matter was referred to the Coordinating Committee at the last meeting.

MR. E. A. SCHMITT, ^{submitted} of the U. S. Engineer Office and Chairman of the Coordinating Committee the following verbal report: "We had the privilege of COL. SAWYER'S presence at our meeting and the discussion was very much along the lines of his discussion before your Commission. The Committee appointed a sub-committee to study the matter and find out how the material could be correlated and be of service to the District. The sub-committee held a meeting two days ago and considered it. It was clearly recognized that the financial aspect could not be touched upon. The practical aspect of the matter resolved itself into getting plans for a six-year program on

maps so that whatever matters come before the committee could be promptly handled. We reached the decision that we would request the various agencies, including the District, to show graphically on maps the various projects and problems of that department year by year, and the committee would attempt to use them in their weekly discussions in considering the matters put before them. We propose to address a letter to the various agencies requesting that information and the committee will then take care of it. I would like to suggest that the commission staff do the correlating of the maps when they are turned in. It is the type of work you are doing every day. We recommend that some authority of that type be given so that the actual detail work of preparation, etc., coming before the Coordinating Committee, will be handled through the commission staff."

Discussion by COL. GRANT, LT. YORK, MR. DELANO, GEN. BROWN and MR. HUBBARD and MR. ELIOT.

MOTION unanimously carried that the staff of the Commission be authorized to do the work for the Coordinating Committee, as suggested by MR. SCHMITT.

MR. NOLAN stated that COL. SAWYER'S pamphlet has been published.

21. Regional Highways:

MR. ELIOT stated that since the last meeting the sub-committee of the Virginia group of the committee on Regional Highways held a meeting. The staff has been supplied with a map of highways in the Virginia regional section. That will be coordinated with a similar study of Maryland and the District. The staff is now working on a new and larger map on which these changes will be worked out. A new process by which reproduction of topographic sheets can be secured at a scale of from 800 or 1000 feet to the inch, so as to record all data on one map is being examined. Eventually the entire regional area will be produced on tracing cloth. It is hoped to complete such a map before the next meeting of the Commission.

22. Regional Sewers:

MR. ELIOT presented minutes of the meeting of the committee on Regional Sewage, attached as APPENDIX B. This committee selected MR. JAMES B. GORDON, Sanitary Engineer of the District, as chairman. The committee had the benefit of the presence of MR. J. H. GREGORY of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation; also MR. R. E. TARBETT of the Public Health Service. The Committee noted the progress being made along the lines recommended in the 1930 report. MR. GREGORY pointed out that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is anxious to cooperate in carrying out such projects as the proposed treatment works and would be glad to assist in getting legislation. One thing that is necessary is an amendment to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act to allow use of its funds by the District of Columbia; and second, installation of a service charge for sewage connections which would make this project self-liquidating.

Other questions involved are necessity for treatment plant; conditions in the Anacostia River area; tendency to separate treatment plants, condition of the river flats.

Discussion by GEN. BROWN, MR. DELANO, MR. ELIOT and MR. NOLAN.

No action.

MR. ELIOT stated further that the committee will have another meeting on April 25th when a further report will be made.

23. Pollution of Potomac River:

MR. SETTLE stated that through the action of this Commission legislation was passed authorizing an investigation of the condition of the Potomac River, S. Res. 44. The Budget Bureau thought that it would involve the expenditure of about \$90,000. By cooperation in the Public Health Service and the public officials of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, that survey was made at a net cost of about \$2500. The gross cost was about \$8,000.

No action.

24. Joint Meeting with Fine Arts Commission:

COL. GRANT stated that the Commission will inspect the new House Office Building with the Commission of Fine Arts and then have a joint luncheon on Friday, March 17th. He also discussed briefly the comparative cost of constructing the new House Office Building and Commerce Building.

RECESS: The Commission recessed for lunch from 12:55 to 2 p.m. and then reconvened.

PRESENT.

MEMBERS:

MR. F. A. DELANO, Chairman.
LIEUT. YORK.
MR. CAMMERER.
MR. KNEIPP.
MR. HUBBARD.
COL. GRANT.

The staff was also present.

25. Cooperation with Maryland: (See Land Purchase Section.)

26. Lee Boulevard Connection:

MR. ELIOT stated that the bill authorizing the Secretary of War to transfer part of the Fort Myer reservation for the Lee Boulevard connection, has been signed by the President. Next week an attempt will be made to survey the route and draw up the necessary deed for transfer of the land. No difficulties are anticipated.

Pars. 27 to 32, inclusive, Land Purchases. (See Land Purchase Section).

33. Use of Tax Exempt Lands in the District of Columbia:

MR. NOLEN presented a report on this subject, attached as APPENDIX C.

He also presented a map showing tax exempt properties in the District of Columbia and a key indicating its use.

Discussion by MR. DELANO, COL. GRANT, MR. HUBBARD, MR. KNEIPP, MR. ELIOT and MR. NOLEN.

Discussion included inclusion of street and alley areas and open areas such as the river and other water areas.

No action.

34. Replacement of Chain Bridge:

MR. ELIOT presented a letter from the Board of Trade urging replacement of the Chain Bridge; also letter from the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

These letters are a part of the record of this meeting.

MR. ELIOT stated that the studies for development of the gorge of the Potomac Valley show a high level bridge in the vicinity of Chain Bridge. The high level bridge is based on the fact that the approaches on the Washington side are very bad for the low level bridge because of conditions between the canal and the bluffs. A high level bridge will make possible a connection for the by-pass known as the Maryland-Virginia Highway.

Discussion by COL. GRANT, MR. DELANO, LT. YORK and MR. ELIOT.

MOTION unanimously carried that pending the receipt of the report of the Bureau of Public Roads on the amount of travel likely to occur in that section and on such a route, the Commission wishes to withhold comment on the relative merits of a high or low level bridge, or any bridge.

35. Inspection Trip:

MR. ELIOT stated that the Commission is due at the House Office building at 11 o'clock on Friday.

36. Status of Legislation:

MR. SETTLE presented report showing status, attached as APPENDIX D.

The Chairman complimented MR. SETTLE on his success with legislation in which the Commission is interested.

(a) Alley Dwellings - SEN. CAPPER has reintroduced the bill, as amended, authorizing loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and using \$500,000 of the unexpended funds of the Housing Corporation.

(b) Changing name of B Street, S.W. - This bill would change the name of B Street, S.W., to Independence Avenue.

MOTION unanimously carried sustaining the action of the Chairman and Executive Officer in favoring the changing of the name of B Street, S.W., to Independence Avenue.

(c) Thomas Jefferson statue - The suggestion has been made that this statue be located in Potomac Park, but COL. GRANT suggested that it be located on Independence Avenue. MR. ELIOT stated that the Commission is already on record as favoring a site at the south front of the State Department. He suggested it be located in Lincoln Square on East Capitol Street. He suggested that the area around the Lincoln Memorial might be named "Lincoln Park" and the present "Lincoln Park" be designated "Colonial Square".

COL. GRANT suggested that the statue might be located at Louisiana and New Jersey Avenues.

Discussion by MR. DELANO, COL. GRANT, MR. CAMMERER and MR. ELIOT.

No action at this time.

(d) Condemnation evidence: This bill authorizes admission of assessed valuation as evidence in condemnation proceedings. No action.

(e) D. C. Appropriation Bill - The proposed bill failed of passage. The new bill should include adequate funds for this Commission.

(f) Settlement of jurisdiction over lands along Virginia shore line -

MR. SMITTLE stated that the Attorney General was directed in 1912 to begin suits to settle these claims and that any settlement agreed upon should be made by him.

No action.

(g) Harvard Street Jogs and straightening:

This bill is drawn to provide for excess condemnation. The Board of Trade is very much interested in this subject and has suggested that a general law be enacted. It was suggested that this bill be redrafted on the basis of general excess condemnation authority and brought before the Commission at its next meeting.

(h) Highway crossings of terminal yards - This bill amends present Terminal Act to provide two crossings instead of three as now provided. MR. NOLEN stated that the citizens of this section are urging a bridge across 12th Street, which is one to be eliminated. It was agreed that this bill should be redrafted and presented for consideration so that early action can be sought.

(i) Increase in gas tax:

This bill failed of passage. It is being opposed by SEN. KING, the new Chairman of the Senate District Committee.

It was agreed that this matter be left for determination by the Legislative Committee of the Commission.

(j) Widening of 13th Street:

MOTION unanimously carried that the bill for widening of 13th Street be redrafted and submitted to the Commission for further action. (Consideration should be given to distribution of assessments and whether it should be paid from gas tax funds. Consideration should also be given to the advisability of not mentioning division of cost.)

(k) George Washington Memorial Parkway:

MOTION unanimously carried that the Chairman or Executive Officer be authorized to take advantage of any legislation that might be had for public works funds so as to make it possible to carry on any of the features of the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

(l) Charging rental for projections on public space. It was agreed that a draft bill should be prepared for early consideration by the Commission.

(m) Preservation of Supreme Court Library Rooms: MR. DELANO stated that he was interested in this, but not as a member of the Commission. MR. MOSES said he would put that through, but did not and now it will have to be started all over again. The only opposition was on the part of some Senators who were anxious to have additional committee room space. The new Supreme Court building will not be finished for about two years and there is danger of something else being done with these rooms they now occupy.

(n) Permitting transfer of funds after joint condemnation for park and street areas -

MR. SETTLE stated that another conference will be held next Tuesday and a report will be submitted at the next meeting.

(o) Establishment of Building Lines - MR. ELIOT discussed the practice in other cities as compared with the District of Columbia. He was of the opinion that the District law should be amended to conform to the practice in other cities, saving cost of present values of existing structures not conforming to a new building line, but taking a future value or right of repair or new construction.

No action.

(p) Codification of laws - MR. SETTLE will resume work on this in the near future.

(q) Construction of oil line by Jacobs Transfer and Storage Company across 1st Street, S.W.;

There were no objections to this bill, which does not affect this Commission

RECESS: The Commission recessed at 5:25 p.m., and reconvened at 2 p.m., Friday, March 17, 1933.

PRESENT.

MEMBERS:

MR. F. A. DELANO, Chairman.
MAJ. GOTWALS.
LIEUT. YORK.
MR. CAMMERER.
MAJ. STUART.
MR. HUBBARD.
COL. GRANT, Vice Chairman.

The following members of the Commission of Fine Arts were also present: MR. MOORE, Chairman, and MESSRS. SWARTWOUT, CLARKE, LOWRIE, SAVAGE, and HOWELLS. MR. CAMMERER, Secretary, was also present.

The staff of this Commission was also present.

37. Restoration of Georgetown:

MR. HORACE W. PEASLEE, Chairman of the Committee of Allied Architects, was present for discussion of this subject.

MR. PEASLEE submitted a prepared statement, APPENDIX E, which is a part of the record of this meeting.

Studies were also presented showing what can be accomplished in the way of restoration of the old buildings.

MR. ELIOT presented a report on this subject, attached as APPENDIX F.

Discussion by COL. GRANT, MR. DELANO, MR. CAMMERER, MAJ. STUART and MR. ELIOT.

MR. DELANO asked whether any thought has been given to having legislation enacted that any buildings historically important shall not be improved unless approved by the Fine Arts Commission or some such authority.

MR. ELIOT stated that two important considerations are involved - (1) which buildings are worth preserving; and (2) a method of working out the legal situation along the lines of tax-exemption or police regulation.

MR. MOORE stated concerning the Key Bridge head - "There seems to be one of the finest opportunities in this country there for making a very beautiful development, as shown on these plans." Concerning the plans for restoration, he stated - "that plan of restoration should be published and the people should be made to see the way of bringing those back and a good many would be glad to do it."

MOTION unanimously carried authorizing the Director of Planning to cooperate with the Committee of Allied Architects and the Secretary of the Fine Arts Commission in the preparation of a pamphlet on this subject, for submission to a committee of this Commission and the Fine Arts Commission, as may be required.

38. Development of East Capitol Street:

MR. F. P. SULLIVAN, of the Allied Architects, appeared and presented four studies for treatment of East Capitol Street. In the first study the State buildings are arranged east of the Capitol and between the two B Streets in a style somewhat similar manner to the arrangement of buildings at the University of Virginia. At Lincoln Park the buildings are higher and of larger scale and more closely massed. From that point on the treatment is extended to the plaza adjoining the stadium. The second plan reverses the treatment of the first. The treatment widens out as it goes toward the stadium. The third scheme carries the full width of the treatment from the Capitol to the plaza and makes it substantially symmetrical on the axis of Lincoln Park. The fourth scheme is an attempt to widen the treatment at Lincoln Park and develop that square as the axis.

Discussion by MR. DELANO, COL. GRANT, MR. MOORE of the Fine Arts Commission, MR. ELIOT and MR. SULLIVAN, included development of East Capitol Street for State buildings; location for George Washington University; amendment to Shipstead Act to broaden powers of Fine Arts Commission to include such areas as under discussion.

MOTION unanimously carried expressing the Commission's thanks and appreciation to MR. SULLIVAN'S committee for the studies presented, and that he be requested to leave them with the Commission for a short time for careful analysis and consideration as to their best use.

39. Development of South Capitol Street:

MR. MOORE of the Fine Arts Commission suggested the desirability of studying the south axis of the Capitol (South Capitol Street) from the Capitol to the War College. MR. SULLIVAN replied that they felt that at this time such a study would complicate their original program to present it at this time. His Committee felt such a study very deserving and some thought should be given to it. His Committee is willing to undertake such a study.

No action.

40. Bridges for Agriculture Department Buildings:

MR. LOUIS SIMON, of the Treasury Department, and MR. W. W. STOCKBURGER, of the Agriculture Department, were present for this discussion.

MR. ELIOT stated the problem to be whether the main and Extensible buildings of the Agriculture Department should be connected by a bridge or by tunnels and if by a bridge as to how to avoid piers in the middle of B Street. The original plans of the Treasury Department provided for three arch structures across the street. The Coordinating Committee and the Commission felt that no piers should be constructed in the middle of the street because of danger to traffic. Studies have been made to show the different locations and type of arch which would avoid such a pier.

Discussion by MR. DELANO, COL. GRANT, MAJ. STUART, MR. HUBBARD, MR. CAMMERER and MR. ELIOT of this Commission, and MR. MOORE, MR. CLARKE, MR. SWARTWOUT and MR. HOWES of the Commission of Fine Arts.

DR. STOCKBURGER of the Department of Agriculture stated that the idea of an arch over B Street has been in the minds of the Agriculture Department for the past 25 years. As to the necessity for bridge connection, actual count recently made covering a period of three days showed 8,313 persons crossing between the buildings, averaging about 2,720 per day. The traffic condition on B Street is an important consideration. The faces of the buildings are prepared for an arch or bridge connection and it will be necessary to change that and to refinish the buildings on the end of the group. Considering these items, the savings may not be as material as they appear.

Discussion by the two Commissions included feasibility of constructing underground connections; necessity for arch connections from the standpoint of pedestrian traffic and utilitarian needs; effect of piers on traffic in B Street; fundamentals of problem - whether the necessity for a connection between the two buildings is more necessary than the use of B Street for traffic purposes.

MR. SIMON presented studies showing possible treatment of the buildings both with and without arch connections.

No action at this time.

41. Pharmaceutical Building:

DR. E. F. KELLY and DR. DUNNINGTON of the Pharmaceutical Association were present.

MR. ELIOT stated that the Act of Congress provides for the closure of Water Street and a transfer of property between the Parks Office and the Association. The Association is to give an area along 23rd Street for widening that street and the parks office transfers to the Association certain land for the building. The staff has never received the official plan from the Association as to what lands are desired for transfer to them. The Act requires that the plan shall be drawn by the Commission and approved by the Fine Arts Commission, embodying development of the grounds and the proposed transfers. The staff has been unable to prepare such a plan because of lack of information. Meanwhile, the building has gone ahead without legal authority. It is very desirable that the situation be corrected as soon as possible.

DR. KELLY stated that the first difficulty was in obtaining a release of the property from the George Washington University. The other question concerned the approaches. MR. POPE'S office made plans for an approach and found it necessary to develop it on the new grades. It is the intention to now develop a landscape planting plan. DR. KELLY submitted a plan showing grades for the approach. If it meets the views of the Commission, in general, for the approach, then they will proceed with completion of the planting data to fit this plan. It is agreeable to them to have the Commission prepare this plan.

MR. ELIOT urged the necessity of a general plan before giving approval to parts of the scheme. The grading plan is for the terrace and walls but shows no planting.

It was the consensus of opinion of both Commissions that no expression of approval or opinion should be made until the complete plan is presented, embodying both grades and landscape treatment.

DR. KELLY stated that his Association will have the planting plan prepared and submitted.

42. Names and Designations for Streets and Avenues:

MR. ELIOT stated that the Chairman has repeatedly recommended change in the names of 17th Street, Connecticut Avenue, 15th Street and Vermont Avenue in the vicinity of Lafayette Square.

Discussion by MR. DELANO, MR. MOORE, COL. GRANT and MR. ELIOT.

MR. DELANO stated that this matter has been submitted to the D. C. Commissioners for tentative approval.

No further action.

43. Roosevelt Island:

MR. HUBBARD presented a preliminary study for development of this Island and discussed the possible ways of treatment of the Island.

MR. HUBBARD in discussing the features of the plan, stated that no parts of the plan have yet been approved by MR. OLIMSTED'S office or MR. POPE, the architect for the Association, but it is merely a sketch toward an end.

Discussion by MR. MOORE of the Fine Arts Commission, MR. DELANO, COL. GRANT, MR. CLARKE of the Fine Arts Commission, and MR. ELIOT.

No action at this time.

44. Ward Statue:

COL. GRANT stated that the Commission has obtained a contract for the purchase of part of the land required for the circle at Massachusetts and Nebraska Avenues and further procedure depends on action by the D. C. Commissioners. The Commission of Fine Arts has secured an offer of conditional dedication of the remainder from American University.

MAJ. GOTHALS stated that the American University authorities have requested that their dedication be safeguarded by not requiring an assessment of over \$500 from them. The assessment for them would not be over \$700, but there is no way in which the law can be evaded to cover this question. He also stated that the Commissioners can probably get an appropriation to do the necessary work at the circle, which will cost about \$30,000, provided the land is available. If it is not done this season, it will have to go over until next year.

MR. MOORE of the Fine Arts Commission stated that his Commission would make an effort to obtain dedication of the American University land.

COL. GRANT was of the opinion that with MAJ. GOTWALS' statement, the Commission could arrange to acquire the GLOVER property.

45. Traffic and Parking Regulations:

MR. ELIOT brought this subject before the Commission at the request of MAJOR STUART. MAJ. STUART wants the Commission to join with the Public Utilities Commission and the Traffic Director, to go into the parking regulations.

MAJ. GOTWALS stated that they have received a request for reconsideration of the regulations from the American Automobile Association and the Public Utilities Commission.

MR. ELIOT stated that one of the chief questions concerns double parking. The Commission in 1930 organized a committee which employed MR. McCLINTOCK to make a study of the parking problem. This report recommended a specific solution of the double parking problem. That has never been tried.

MOTION unanimously carried that the Commission request an opportunity to study and report on the proposed new draft of parking and traffic regulations.

It was agreed that the staff of the Commission should undertake this study and report its conclusions to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT: The Commission adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

U. S. GRANT, 3rd,
Executive and Disbursing Officer.

T. S. SETTLE,
Secretary.